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Oswald's Widow

Marina Oswald Porter, 34, the Russian-born widow of alleged Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, lives on a farm near Dallas with her second husband, their 9-year-old son and the two Oswald daughters, who are now 13 and 11. Following Oswald's death in the aftermath of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Marina was swamped with marriage proposals—mostly by mail from strangers—and in 1965 she met and married Kenneth Jess Porter, a twice-divorced Texan who was then working as an electronics technician but lost his job



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because of the publicity over the marriage. Two months after the wedding, Marina went to the police and charged her new husband with striking her, but that spat was settled and the Porters have remained together and gone out of their way to avoid public notice.

In the wake of the assassination in 1963, sympathetic people sent Oswald's widow some \$70,000, and she eventually received \$11,350 from a gun collector for her late husband's rifle and pistol—said to have been the weapons that killed JFK and Dallas policeman J.D. Tippit—plus a \$17,729 judgment from the U.S. Government for Oswald's confiscated possessions. The Porters invested some of the money in a Dallas bar that subsequently failed, and Porter now manages a sewing-machine outlet in Dallas while his wife sells children's clothing in a department store at a suburban shopping center. "I'd

hate to lose her," says the store manager, requesting no mention of the name or location of the store to protect Marina's privacy. "She's made a fine salesperson, and if people start coming in just to gawk at her, she'd probably walk off the job. She's like that."